



STATE OF MONTANA

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)

This solicitation is offered with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, commonly known as the Economic Stimulus Act, and is contingent upon receipt of the funds required for the project.

IFB Number:
#HWY-309342-RP

IFB Title:
10-PASSENGER HIGH-TOP VANS

IFB Due Date and Time:
OCTOBER 1, 2009
2:00 pm, Local Time

Number of Pages: 34

ISSUING AGENCY INFORMATION

Procurement Officer:
RICHELE PARKHURST

Issue Date:
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND
RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR BID AND ANY
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE ADDRESS
LISTED ABOVE UNDER "ISSUING AGENCY
INFORMATION."

Mark Face of Envelope/Package:

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SEALED BIDS will be received and publicly opened
in the **Billings** office at **2:00** pm.

BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Federal Tax ID Number:

Delivery Date:

Bidder Name/Address:

Authorized Bidder Signatory:

(Please print name and sign in ink)

Bidder Phone Number:

Bidder FAX Number:

Bidder E-mail Address:

IMPORTANT: SEE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

HIGHWAY CIVIL RIGHTS

The Contractor must, in performance of work on this contract, fully comply with all applicable federal, state or local laws, rules and regulations. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of all appropriate federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any subletting or subcontracting by the Contractor subjects subcontractors to the same provisions of the appropriate federal laws, including Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. In accordance with 49-3-207, MCA, the Contractor agrees that the hiring of persons to perform work on this contract will be made on the basis of merit and qualifications and that there will be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disabilities or national origin by the persons performing the contract.

BILL TO: DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
DIVISION
PO BOX 201001
HELENA MT 59620-1001

F.O.B. ADDRESS: DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOCATION LISTED HEREIN

Questions may be directed to Adam Kraft at (406) 444-6120 in Helena. However, any changes to the requirements of the Invitation for Bid (IFB) can only be made by the Montana Department of Transportation (Department) in writing, and claimed oral modifications are not valid or binding.

1.0. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

The successful bidder understands and agrees that the State of Montana is not legally bound to commence or continue any contract awarded to the bidder unless the State of Montana has appropriation authority for the federal funds and actual receipt of the funds for this contract under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5.

2.0. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting a response to this invitation for bid, request for proposal, or acceptance of a contract, the vendor agrees to acceptance of the following Standard Terms and Conditions and any other provisions that are specific to this solicitation or contract.

2.1. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION OF BIDS OR PROPOSALS

The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals, wholly or in part, and to make awards in any manner deemed in the best interest of the Department. Bids, proposals will be firm for 30 days, unless stated otherwise in the text of the invitation for bid, request for proposal.

2.2. ACCESS AND RETENTION OF RECORDS

The Contractor agrees to provide the Department, Legislative Auditor, or their authorized agents, access to any records necessary to determine contract compliance (Mont. Code Ann. § 18-1-118). The Contractor agrees to create and retain records supporting the services rendered or supplies delivered for a period of three years after either the completion date of the contract or the conclusion of any claim, litigation or exception relating to the contract taken by the State of Montana or third party.

2.3. ALTERATION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENT

In the event of inconsistencies or contradictions between language contained in the Department's solicitation document and a vendor's response, the language contained in the Department's original solicitation document will prevail. Intentional manipulation and/or alteration of solicitation document language will result in the vendor's disqualification and possible debarment.

2.4. ALTERNATE BIDS

The Montana Department of Transportation may consider an “alternate” bid, if and only if the “base” bid by the same vendor is low bid, and, if that low bid meets or exceeds all terms, conditions and specifications of the bid package.

“Alternate” bids not falling with this criteria will not be considered.

2.5. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

This contract is automatically canceled if federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support the contract’s commencement or continuation of performance.

2.6. ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE

All vendors, Contractors and subcontractors hereby assign to the State of Montana any and all claims or causes of action for any antitrust law violations or damages arising therefrom as to goods, materials and services purchased under the terms of this agreement and any change order that may result from this agreement. This assignment is made on behalf of the vendor, Contractor and all subcontractors, which may be hired or contracted with to furnish goods, materials or services.

2.7. ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER AND SUBCONTRACTING

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer or subcontract any portion of the contract without the express written consent of the Department. (Mont. Code Ann. § 18-4-141.)

2.8. AUTHORITY

The following bid, request for proposal, limited solicitation, or contract is issued in accordance with Title 18, Montana Code Annotated, and the Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 2, chapter 5.

2.9. BILLING

The State of Montana cannot pay for materials or services in advance. All billing against this purchase order must be made only after completion of receipt of merchandise or services rendered.

2.10. COLLUSION PROHIBITED

Prices quoted shall be established without collusion with other Contractors and without attempt to preclude the Department from obtaining the lowest possible competitive price.

2.11. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Contractor must, in performance of work under the contract, fully comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules and regulations, including the Montana Human Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Any subletting or subcontracting by the Contractor subjects subcontractors to the same provision. In accordance with section 49-3-207, MCA, the Contractor agrees that the hiring of persons to perform the contract will be made on the basis of merit and qualifications and there will be no discrimination based upon race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or national origin by the persons performing the contract.

2.12. CONFORMANCE WITH CONTRACT

No alteration of the terms, conditions, delivery, price, quality, quantities or specifications of the contract shall be granted without prior written consent of the Department of Transportation Purchasing Bureau. Supplies delivered which do not conform to the contract terms, conditions and specifications may be rejected and returned at the Contractor's expense.

2.13. CONTRACT CANCELLATION

This agreement may be terminated for failure to provide the services or accomplish work enumerated herein. Upon receiving written notice for the DEPARTMENT, the CONTRACTOR has fifteen (15) days to cure the failure, the CONTRACTOR'S failure to cure the failure within the time allowed will be grounds for the immediate termination of the Agreement.

This agreement may be terminated without cause thirty (30) days written notice.

2.14. DEBARMENT

The Contractor certifies, by submitting this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract) by any governmental department or agency. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the State.

2.15. DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

The State of Montana does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Individuals, who need aids, alternative document formats or services for effective communications or other disability-related accommodations in the programs and services offered are invited to make their needs and preferences known to this office. Interested parties should provide as much advance notice as possible.

2.16. EXCEPTIONS

A prospective Contractor may take "exception" to bid terms, conditions, specifications and dates stated within the bid package. However, the Department reserves the right to disqualify any and all bids submitted which include exceptions, if deemed not in the Department's best interest.

2.17. FACSIMILE RESPONSES

Facsimile bids sent directly to the Department of Transportation will not be accepted; however, facsimile bids sent to a 3rd party and then delivered to the Department in a properly addressed, sealed envelope will be accepted.

2.18. FAILURE TO HONOR BID/PROPOSAL

If a bidder/Contractor to whom a contract is awarded refuses to accept the award (PO/contract) or, fails to deliver in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Department may, in its discretion, suspend the bidder/Contractor for a period of time from entering into any contracts with the State of Montana.

2.19. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be responsible for failure to fulfill its obligations due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts or omissions of government or military authority, acts of God, materials shortages, transportation delays, fires, floods, labor disturbances, riots, wars, terrorist acts or any other causes, directly or indirectly beyond the reasonable control of the non-performing party, so long as such party is using its best efforts to remedy such failure or delays.

2.20. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor agrees to defend, protect, indemnify and save harmless the State of Montana and Department against and from all claims, liabilities, demands, causes of action, judgments (including costs and reasonable attorneys fees), and losses to them from any cause whatever (including patent, trademark and copyright infringements) from the Agreement and its execution.

This includes any suits, claims, actions, losses, costs or damages of any kind, including the State's and Department's legal expenses, arising out of, in connection with, or incidental to the Agreement, but does not include any such suits, claims, actions, losses, costs or damages which are solely the result of the negligent acts, omissions or misconduct of Department's employees if they do not arise out of, depend upon or relate to a negligent act, omission or misconduct of Contractor's employees. The Contractor assumes all responsibility for ensuring and enforcing safe working conditions and compliance with all safety-related rules and regulations for the benefit of its own employees, the employees of any subcontractor, and the public. That responsibility includes all duties relating to safety, regardless of whether any such duties are, or are alleged to be, "nondelegable" (e.g., the Montana Safe Place to Work Statute, etc.). This indemnification is expressly intended by the parties to include any claims, liabilities, demands, causes of action, judgments (including costs and reasonable attorneys fees), and losses that are, or are alleged or held to be, based upon a breach by the Department of a nondelegable duty relating to workplace safety for the Contractor's employees, the employees of any subcontractor, and the public.

2.21. LATE BIDS AND PROPOSALS

Regardless of cause, late bids and proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be solely the vendor's risk to assure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids and proposals will not be opened and may be returned to the vendor at the expense of the vendor or destroyed if requested.

2.22. PAYMENT TERM

All payment terms will be computed from the date of delivery of supplies or services OR receipt of a properly executed invoice, whichever is later. Unless otherwise noted in the solicitation document, the Department is allowed 30 days to pay such invoices. All Contractors may be required to provide banking information at the time of contract execution in order to facilitate state electronic funds transfer payments.

2.23. PREPARATION OF BIDS

Bids must be written in ink and/or typewritten on bid forms furnished herewith. Erasures and alterations must be initialed by the Contractor in ink. Verbal bids will not be accepted. Facsimile bids sent directly to the Department will not be accepted; however, facsimile bids sent to a third party and then delivered to the Department in a properly addressed, sealed envelope will be accepted. Bid quotations shall be considered firm for 30 days after the date of opening unless otherwise stated in writing within the bid package.

2.24. RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE

The State of Montana applies a reciprocal preference against a vendor submitting a bid from a state or country that grants a residency preference to its resident businesses. A reciprocal preference is only applied to an invitation for bid for supplies or an invitation for bid for nonconstruction services for public works as defined in section 18-2-401(9), MCA, and then only if federal funds are not involved. For a list of states that grant resident preference, see

<http://www.discoveringmontana.com/doa/gsd/procurement/reciprocalpreference.asp>

2.25. REFERENCE TO CONTRACT

The contract or purchase order number MUST appear on all invoices, packing lists, packages and correspondence pertaining to the contract.

2.26. REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Any business intending to transact business in Montana must register with the Secretary of State. Businesses that are incorporated in another state or country, but which are conducting activity in Montana, must determine whether they are transacting business in Montana in accordance with sections 35-1-1026 and 35-8-1001, MCA. Such businesses may want to obtain the guidance of their attorney or accountant to determine whether their activity is considered transacting business. If businesses determine that they are transacting business in Montana, they must register with the Secretary of State and obtain a certificate of authority to demonstrate that they are in good standing in Montana. To obtain registration materials, call the Office of the Secretary of State at (406) 444-3665, or visit their website at <http://www.sos.state.mt.us>

2.27. REJECTION OF BIDS

The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids (wholly or in part) which fail to meet the terms, conditions and specifications of the bid package; or, are determined to be not in the Department's best interests; or, for which funding is not available. The Department reserves the right to reject bid proposals, waive technicalities, or advertise for new proposals. Bids will be firm for 30 days, unless stated otherwise in the text of this invitation for bid.

A written or verbal explanation regarding rejected bids may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Services Section (406) 657-0274 in Billings.

2.28. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

A declaration by any court, or any other binding legal source, that any provision of the contract is illegal and void shall not affect the legality and enforceability of any other provision of the contract, unless the provisions are mutually dependent.

2.29. SHIPPING

Supplies shall be shipped prepaid, F.O.B. Destination, unless the contract specifies otherwise.

2.30. SOLICITATION DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

Vendors shall promptly notify the Department of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error, which they may discover upon examination of a solicitation document.

2.31. STANDARDS

Products shall be new and unused (unless otherwise stated) and free of known defect.

Bids may contain specific terms, conditions, specifications and brand/model product references. No consideration will be given if a bid response fails to conform to the terms and conditions stated within that bid package. No consideration will be given if the product bid fails to meet or exceed the specifications detailed within the bid package. No consideration will be given if the product bid fails to meet or exceed the design, construction and performance standards, stated or implied, by use of a brand/model product reference.

Brand/model product references are provided solely as a means of establishing a standard of design, construction and performance and should in no way be construed as an attempt to limit competition. Bids for other, equal/brand model products are always welcome.

Special Brands, when names, are indicative of the standard of quality desired. Comparable products are acceptable if guaranteed equal. Specifications and descriptive literature must be attached when requested.

2.32. TAX EXEMPTION

The State of Montana is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes (#81-0302402).

2.33. TECHNOLOGY ACCESS FOR BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Contractor acknowledges that no state funds may be expended for the purchase of information technology equipment and software for use by employees, program participants or members of the public unless it provides blind or visually impaired individuals with access, including interactive use of the equipment and services, that is equivalent to that provided to individuals who are not blind or visually impaired. (Mont. Code Ann. § 18-5-603.) Contact the State Procurement Bureau at (406) 444-2575 for more information concerning nonvisual.

2.34. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

49 U.S.C. Part 18 & FTA Circular 4220.1E apply to this contract

- 2.34.1. Termination for Convenience: The Department may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Government's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the Department to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the Department the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Department directs.
- 2.34.2. Termination for Default: If the Contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the Department may terminate this contract for default. The Department shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.

2.35. UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

The contracting agency, at its sole discretion, may terminate or reduce the scope of the contract if available funding is reduced for any reason. (Mont. Code Ann. § 18-4-313 (3).)

2.36. UNIT PRICE

Unless otherwise specified, the unit price for each line items must be provided in the appropriate space within the bid document: This shall be known as the "base" bid. The unit price for multiple items must be extended to reflect the total price for the quantity of items requested. Unless otherwise specified, the unit price shall prevail.

2.37. U.S. FUNDS

All prices and payments must be in U.S. dollars.

2.38. VENUE

This solicitation is governed by the laws of Montana. The parties agree that any litigation concerning this bid, request for proposal, limited solicitation, or subsequent contract, must be brought in the First Judicial District in and for the County of Lewis and Clark, State of Montana, and each party shall pay its own costs and attorney fees. (Mont. Code Ann. § 18-1-401.)

2.39. WARRANTIES

The Contractor warrants that items offered will conform to the specifications requested, to be fit and sufficient for the purpose manufactured, of good material and workmanship and free from defect. Items offered must be new and unused and of the latest model or manufacture, unless otherwise specified by the State. They shall be equal in quality and performance to those indicated herein. Descriptions used herein are specified solely for the purpose of indicating standards of quality, performance and/or use desired. Exceptions will be rejected.

2.40. CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000
42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112
42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332
29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq.

Civil Rights - The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(2) Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(c) Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(3) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

3.0. 10-PASSENGER MOBILITY VAN SPECIFICATIONS

Provide and deliver F.O.B. various locations, Two (2) Current Year, 2009 or 2010 model, high-top vans as specified herein.

F.O.B. LOCATION	# MINIVANS REQUESTED
Mineral County Pioneer Council PO Box 325 405 Main St. Regis MT 59866	1
Laurel Transit Authority PO Box 10 115 West First Laurel MT 59044	1

3.1. SCOPE

- 3.1.1. The purpose of these specifications is to provide for two (2) current year, 2009 or 2010 model, high-top vans.
- 3.1.2. These wagon vans must be capable of seating nine (9) forward facing ambulatory adult passengers plus a driver OR seven (7) ambulatory adult passengers with one (1) wheelchair positions plus a driver.
- 3.1.3. The vehicle must include a rear, over the bumper wheelchair lift and be designed for urban and interstate transport.
- 3.1.4. Provide the following vehicle identification:

MAKE: _____

MODEL: _____

YEAR: _____
- 3.1.5. The vehicles must meet all applicable Federal and State Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.
- 3.1.6. The successful bidder shall quick title the vehicles to the purchaser or provide at least a 20 day temporary Permit legal in the State of Montana and deliver the vehicles to the location specified in this Invitation for Bid.

3.2. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.2.1. Motor Vehicle Pollution Standards: A certification in writing shall be obtained from the successful bidder that the horsepower of the vehicle is adequate and that exhaust emission standards are met in accordance with Section 15 of the contractual agreement between the State and the recipient nonprofit agency.
- 3.2.2. All motor vehicles shall be new built by American manufacturers, from current production, and shall be in first-class running condition. All parts and accessories, which are required to compose a complete working unit, shall be furnished on each unit whether herein stipulated or not. All equipment catalogued as standard shall be furnished and included in purchase price of the unit.
- 3.2.3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises: In accordance with Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23, Subpart D, Section 23.67, Special Provisions for Transit Vehicle Manufacturers, it is a requirement that each vehicle manufacturer must certify compliance with this section as a condition of authorization to bid on transit vehicle purchases, which are utilizing Urban Mass Transportation Administration funds. The certification 80-204 Attachment #2 must be signed by a legally authorized representative of the bidder's firm and returned with the bid.
- 3.2.4. Pre-delivery Service and Inspection: Pre-delivery service and inspection certificates, signed by the manufacturer or the manufacturer's local authorized dealer must be furnished with each unit at no additional cost to the State before payment can be made.
- 3.2.5. Warranty Policy: A signed Warranty of Service Policy, which will be honored at any manufacturer's authorized dealer, must be furnished for each vehicle. The manufacturers or the selling dealer shall pay any charges under warranty other than grease and oil.
- 3.2.6. Parts and service are requested to be available in the State of Montana.
- 3.2.7. All vehicles must conform to current Federal Safety Regulations regarding directional signals and other lighting, reflectors, seat belts, braking systems and include exhaust emission controls.

4.0. MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Bidders must provide information in all blocks in the "Furnished" columns below. Bidders must provide the information requested in the "Furnished" blocks – and/or – address the specifications listed in one of the following ways:

- 1) State – "Yes" which means that the bidder will comply with that particular specification.
- 2) State – "No" which means that the bidder will not comply with that particular specification.
- 3) State – "Exception" and list any exception to the specification you wish the Department to consider. Any and all expectation to the specifications MUST be listed. If no exceptions are listed, the equipment bid will be considered to meet or exceed the specifications.
- 4) State – "Equivalent" and list any and all equipment to the specification you wish the Purchaser to consider. Any and all equivalent equipment to the specifications MUST be listed. If no equivalent equipment is listed, the equipment bid will be considered to meet or exceed the specifications.
- 5) Provide the specific information requested in the block (i.e. Wheelbase; 118 inches).

Some "blocks" may require that the bidder provide specific information and also respond as noted in 1-4 above.

If an explanation will not fit in the “block”, then state “See attached Explanation” in the “block”. Then attach another sheet for your explanation. The attached sheet must state the specification that you are addressing and the supporting explanation/details (i.e. Section 3.1., #1).

4.1. GENERAL DIMENSIONS

SPECIFICATIONS		FURNISHED	
1.	<u>Body Length</u> - Please provide body length	1.	List body length: _____ Inches
2.	<u>Body Width</u> - Please provide body width	2.	List body width: _____ Inches
3.	<u>Wheelbase</u> - 134 inches minimum and 160 inches maximum	3.	List wheelbase: _____ Inches
4.	<u>Raised Roof</u> - The raised roof height shall be 24 inches - Shall be aerodynamically shaped - Shall be a fiberglass, one piece design and finished with Gel coating - Shall be reverse flange style to eliminate the use of trim molding to hide fasteners - A moisture barrier shall be installed to prevent moisture from entering the vehicle		List roof height: _____ Inches
4.	<u>Interior Ceiling Height</u> - Please provide ceiling height	4.	List ceiling height: _____ Inches

4.2. DRIVETRAIN

SPECIFICATIONS		FURNISHED	
1.	<u>Engine</u> - 6.0 liter diesel V8 minimum - Shall have a turbo compressor, electronic fuel injection and an auxiliary engine heater with easily accessible cord - Shall have a high / fast idle control	1.	
2.	<u>Transmission</u> - Four speed automatic with overdrive minimum - Shall have auxiliary cooling	2.	
3.	<u>Rear Axle, Differential and Drive Shafts</u> - Shall be single rear axle with single rear wheels - Shall be equipped with a final drive axle ratio of 3.72 or numerically higher - Drive shafts shall be heavy-duty truck style	3.	List type of rear axle: _____ Ratio
4.	<u>Fuel Tank</u> - A minimum of 30 U.S. gallons - No aftermarket fuel tanks shall be allowed - Full tank at time of delivery - Access to tank shall be lockable	4.	List size of fuel tank: _____ Gallons

5.	<u>Radiator/Coolant System</u> - Shall have heavy-duty extra cooling capacity radiator, water pump, and clutch-type fan - Cooling system to be winterized for 40 degrees below zero (0)	5.	
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4.3. CHASSIS

SPECIFICATIONS		FURNISHED	
1.	<u>Gross Vehicle Weight Rating</u> - 9,300 pounds minimum and 10,000 pounds maximum	1.	List GVWR: _____ Pounds
2.	<u>Steering</u> - Shall be power assisted with cruise control and tilt steering	2.	
3.	<u>Suspension System</u> - Shall have heavy-duty shocks and springs - Shall have an electronic stability and traction control system	3.	
4.	<u>Brakes</u> - Shall be a power assisted hydraulic dual system - Shall be a 4-wheel Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) with front and rear disc brakes	4.	
5.	<u>Wheels and Tires</u> - Wheel and tires size must be of sufficient size and strength to meet GVW rating of chassis - Wheels/hub caps that are the standard option will be provided by the manufacturer - Wheel size shall be 16 inch x 6.5 inch steel minimum - Tires shall be LT 245/75R16 load range E or greater - All-Season, steel belted, radial minimum and mounted on the OEM wheels - Spare tire to be conventional and stored underneath - The vehicle will come with an OEM standard jack and lug wrench - The vehicle shall have a tire pressure monitoring system	5.	
6.	<u>Alternator</u> - Shall have OEM heavy-duty 190 AMP, 12-volt minimum	6.	
7.	<u>Battery</u> - Minimum of two (2) 650 CCA at zero degrees - 12-volt "Maintenance Free"	7.	
8.	<u>Exhaust System</u> - The exhaust will not interfere with the rear mud-flaps, rear bumper or wheelchair lift operation - Exhaust pipe shall exit the rear curbside	8.	

9.	<u>Bumpers</u> - OEM standard front and rear bumpers shall be provided	9.	
10.	<u>Roll Cage</u> - A FMV 220 certified roll cage shall be installed over the interior compartment - Must comply with FMVSS Rollover Specifications	10.	
11.	<u>Undercoating</u> - The entire underside of the body and chassis shall be undercoated with a nonflammable resin type Poly-Oleum or equivalent (equivalent undercoating must comply with MIL-C-62218A or MIL-C-0083933A)	11.	

4.4. EXTERIOR FEATURES

SPECIFICATIONS		FURNISHED	
1.	<u>Body Structure</u> - Vehicle shall have all joints and corners where stress concentration may occur adequately reinforced to fully withstand the required loads and road shock - All posts in body side and roof sections shall be of durable channel or box construction securely fastened to the under frame structure so that the entire frame shall act as one unit without any movement at the joining points. The end posts shall be designed to resist shear - All exterior panels shall be attached to the framing by riveting, welding, or with adhesive materials - All openings in the floorboards and firewall shall be sealed - Body shall be thoroughly water tested and made tight to prevent leakage - Modifications shall comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 220 rollover standards and all other applicable FMVSS standards - The manufacturer must be certified by the National Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with the code of Federal Regulations (Title 49, Part 567-568)	1.	
2.	<u>Hood</u> - To have latch release from inside of vehicle	2.	
3.	<u>Driver and Co-pilot Doors</u> - Shall be lockable by key from outside of vehicle - Shall be manually operated, conventional "sedan type" doors	3.	
4.	<u>Passenger Door and Step Well</u> - Door to be bi-fold and located on right side of the	4.	

	<p>vehicle behind the right front co-pilot door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A flexible soft rubber cushion at least 1" in width on the meeting edge and at bottom of doors for seal to step well shall be provided - Clear opening entrance with a minimum of 38 inches door opening width and ADA compliant - One door shall be lockable by key from outside of vehicle - The door shall be equipped with an emergency assist, quick-release system easily operated from outside and inside - All steps to be enclosed with steel step well inside of vehicle - Entry passenger steps will be provided for passengers entering the main van body - The steps will meet the following specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ground to First Step: 10.5 inches (plus or minus one (1) inch in height) b) Step Riser Height: 8 inches c) Step Tread Depth: 9 inches - The steps will be covered with rubber step treads similar to the step treads provided in buses - A padded (injected form), 1.5 inches stainless grab bar will be provided from the floor to the ceiling mounted behind the co-pilot seat (will not interfere with seat operation). This bar will assist passenger inside and out of the vehicle - Door extensions shall be constructed using a Die Stamped panel method to retain the OEM door specifications and structural integrity 		
5.	<p><u>Wheelchair Access Rear Doors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bi-fold style doors shall be provided - Doors shall be raised to a minimum of 58 inches - Door extensions shall be constructed using a Die Stamped panel method to retain the OEM door specifications and structural integrity - All seams shall have body filler applied and finished to mark vehicle's original lines - One door shall be lockable by key from outside of vehicle - Shall have rear door glass 	5.	

	- Shall have ambulance style door holding brackets		
6.	<u>Windshield and Side Glass</u> - The windshield shall be tinted - Driver and co-pilot windows will be electric powered	6.	
7.	<u>Passenger Area Windows</u> - All side windows shall be fixed in a position except the emergency exit window(s) - There shall be a minimum of one (1) passenger area emergency exit window. The window sash, as required by FMVSS 217, shall be provided with an emergency push-out feature designed to allow quick resetting by the bus operator - All emergency exit glass, rear door glass, passenger window glass and lift door glass shall be privacy glass (tinted). No aftermarket tinting fill shall be accepted - Side passenger windows shall be as large as possible throughout the passenger compartment - All windows in the passenger area shall be safety glass	7.	
8.	<u>Ceiling Vents / Escape Hatch</u> - There shall be one (1), ProLo 1070 Series or approved equal, dual purpose roof vent than offers adjustable fresh air ventilation and release handle permitting operation as an emergency exit - Hatch shall be centered in vehicle roof over the rear axle	8.	List type of hatch: _____ Brand _____ Model
9.	<u>Exterior Mirrors</u> - Shall have OEM dual low-mount rear view mirrors with electric adjustment	9.	
10.	<u>Wipers</u> - Shall have three-speed with intermittent setting front wipers with dual jet washers minimum	10.	
11.	<u>Turn Signals, Backup Lights and Headlights</u> - Two (2) front and two (2) rear OEM standard turn signals - Backup lights must provide adequate illumination for nighttime operation - The vehicle shall have daytime running headlights	11.	
12.	<u>Exterior Lights</u> - All exterior lights shall be designed to prevent entry and accumulation of moisture or dust, and each lamp shall be replaceable in less than 5 minutes by a 2M mechanic helper. - All exterior lights should be "LED TRUCK LITE LIGHTING" or approved equal.	12.	

13.	<p><u>License Plate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provisions shall be made to mount standard size U.S. license plates per SAE J686 on the front and rear of the bus - Shall be direct or recess mounted and lighted 	13.	
14.	<p><u>Paint, Lettering and Striping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The vehicle body shall be painted in OEM gloss white - Use the following paint scheme as a guide:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The vehicle shall have lettering for the grantee's agency name and phone number. Material shall be vinyl. Maximum letter height shall be eight (8) inches. A maximum of 70 letters shall be provided. Lettering color shall be determined - The vehicle body shall include two (2) stripes, major and minor. The major and minor stripes shall be 2.5 inches in width. On the side-rear of the vehicle the stripes will run at an approximate 112.5 degree angle to the upper rear corner of the vehicle. Stripes will run straight across the top of the rear of the vehicle. All stripes must be painted on. - Schemes will vary depending on the manufacturer. Any color scheme provided must be similar to the example shown above. If bidding other than the paint scheme shown, the vendor must provide a sample picture. Design schemes that are not similar will not be accepted. - For questions regarding individual vehicle stripe and lettering information, vendor must contact: Adam Kraft, (406) 431-6913, akraft@mt.gov Vendor shall not contact the grantee. - Use the following information for installing the stripes and letters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Mineral County Pioneer Council Vehicle Info:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Striping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Color - Medium Blue (RGB 0-0-255) • Minor Color - Yellow (RGB 255-255-0) 	14.	

	<p>ii. Lettering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name - MINERAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION Number - (406) 649-7145 Color - Medium Blue (RGB 0-0-255) <p>b) <u>Laurel County Transit Vehicle Info:</u></p> <p>i. Striping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Color - Purple (RGB 160-32-240) Minor Color - Yellow (RGB 255-255-0) <p>ii. Lettering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name – Laurel Transit Number – To Be Determined Color - Purple (RGB 160-32-240) 		
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4.5. INTERIOR FEATURES

SPECIFICATIONS		FURNISHED	
1.	<u>Instrument Cluster/Gauges</u> - OEM premium instrument cluster shall be provided. Gauges shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) OEM needle-type fuel tank level gauge b) OEM needle-type speedometer with odometer gauge c) OEM needle-type amp-meter / voltmeter gauge (warning light is acceptable if OEM needle-type is not available) d) OEM needle-type oil pressure gauge (warning light is acceptable if OEM needle-type is not available) e) OEM needle-type engine temperature gauge (warning light is acceptable if OEM needle-type is not available) f) OEM standard headlight on/off indicator and high beam indicator g) OEM standard directional signal and flasher action light h) OEM standard parking brake warning light 	1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h)
2.	<u>Horn</u> - Shall be OEM standard	2.	
3.	<u>Radio</u> - OEM standard AM/FM with compact disk player and digital clock - Six (6) speakers for passenger and driver area	3.	
4.	<u>Back-up Alarm</u> - Shall include back-up alarm connected with back-up lights to produce an intermittent	4.	

	warning sound when reverse gear is engaged		
5.	<u>Wiring</u> - All cable and wiring shall be OEM standard and coded - There shall be no wires exposed inside the vehicle	5.	
6.	<u>Sun Visor</u> - OEM adjustable sun visors shall be provided for the windshield and the driver's side window	6.	
7.	<u>Floor</u> - Vehicle shall be flat floor with wheel housing style - The floor shall be covered with a minimum of 0.75 inch exterior marine grade plywood or equivalent material - The flooring must be a one-piece seamless design with a 0.024 aluminum vapor barrier laminated to the bottom of the floor. Vapor barrier seams must be "S" locked together - The step-well entrance area, center aisle, passenger area and wheelchair securement station shall be overlaid with Meta 2.2 mm Altro Transflor minimum or approved equivalent (carpet is not acceptable) - Flooring color will be Genome - A Silicon sealant shall be applied at the seam where the wall panels meet the finished floor throughout the rear cabin (preventing moisture from seeping below the surface of the floor) - Heat welding shall permanently seal seams and joints - All step edges shall have a band of bright contracting color (yellow) running the full width of the leading edge	7.	List type floor: _____ Brand _____ Model _____ Color
8.	<u>Driver and Co-Pilot Seating</u> - Driver and co-pilot seats to be OEM deluxe captain's seat with folding armrest covered with deluxe heavy-duty transit grade cloth and match the passenger seats - Seat shall be scotch guarded and vendor must show information that states the seats have been scotch guarded from either the vendor or factory - Driver and co-pilot seats shall have vertical fore and aft side - Seat color shall match the rear passenger seats	8.	
9.	<u>Passenger Area Seating Layout</u> - There shall be three (3) rows of passenger area seating - The first two (2) rows shall be double, stationary integrated seats - The third row shall be a double integrated wheel-well seat that can be folded to allow the placement of a wheelchair	9.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The two single seats on the curbside are stationary integrated seats - Reference the floor plan for additional information 		
10.	<u>Passenger Area Seat Type</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stationary passenger area seating shall be Freedman Feather Weight, Mid-Hi or equal - Folding seating shall be Freedman BV Foldaway Series or equal - All seats shall have black corner or top mounted padded grab rails - All fabric shall be Repel, Level 6 fabric or approved equal - All seat color shall be 191-Repel Voltage Grey - Standard seat cushion width shall be minimum 17 inches (single) or 34 inches (double). 16 inches is acceptable for rear row seats - Back cushion height shall be minimum 22.5 inches (measured from the top of the seat cushion). Back cushion height shall be minimum 36 inches (measured from the top of the back cushion to the floor) - Hip-to-knee room shall be a minimum of 28 inches (measured from the front of one seat back horizontally across the highest part of the seat to the seat or panel immediately in front) - Foot room shall be a minimum of 12 inches (measured at the floor forward from a point vertically below the front of the seat cushion to an obstruction such as the driver barrier) - Seats immediately behind the wheel housings may have foot room reduced, provided the wheelhouse is shaped so that it may be used as a footrest - Seating shall meet or exceed every applicable FMVSS including 210 (seat belt certification test) - All seats shall include a "Knee Saver" backrest design that improves hip-to-knee room by up to 2" over standard transportation seating - Cushions shall be molded polyurethane to ensure maximum individual passenger comfort and durability. Non-molded FTA foam (low smoke neoprene type) is also available - All seats shall provide lower lumbar and side bolster support - All seats shall be manufactured to provide substantial weight reduction while retaining safety standards. Standard seat weight may not exceed 28 pounds (single) and 48 pounds (double) - All frames shall be high quality heavy duty tube and jigs welded. Frames shall utilize a heavy duty wire mesh grid for seat support - The back rest shall have steel straps for back support (plastic straps are not acceptable) - All upholstery shall be pull-down style, and shall be held in place with the Freedom "EZ" cover system. No special tools shall be needed to remove or replace covers. 	10.	List type of stationary seats: ____ Brand ____ Model ____ Fabric ____ Color List type of foldaway seats: ____ Brand ____ Model ____ Fabric ____ Color

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Feather Weight seats shall have a piece of automotive chipboard inserted between the outside back and the seat frame to insulate the passenger from the knees of the passenger behind him/her 		
11.	<u>Seat Belts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One set of seatbelts will be provided per driver, co-pilot and passenger - Driver and co-pilot belts shall be OEM standard retractable type and a minimum of 60" in length - Passenger area seatbelts shall be integrated 3-point seatbelts, a minimum of 60" in length and meet FMVSS 210 requirements - Two (2) seatbelt extensions, at the length of 12 inches each shall be provided. These seatbelt extensions will be able to be used on any seat in the bus 	11.	List type of belts: Driver and Co-pilot _____ Brand Passenger Seats: _____ Brand Fold-Away Seats: _____ Brand
12.	<u>Grab Rails and Stanchions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passenger area shall be equipped with OEM stainless steel overhead grab rail - Handrails shall be provided in the passenger entrance in a configuration which allows persons with disabilities to grasp such assists from outside 	12.	
13.	<u>Driver's Overhead Storage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shall have an equipment storage compartment installed above the original chassis roof over the front cabin - The minimum size this compartment can be is 15" wide by 15" high by 20" long - Driver's overhead storage compartment must be lockable 	13.	
14.	<u>Aisle</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aisle width is to be no less than 12 inches - Exclusions include space required between the most rearward seats and foldaway seats (in downward position). 	14.	
15.	<u>Interior Trim</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All interior trim shall match OEM material throughout the vehicle in the driver's area to the passenger area - A certificate of compliance with FMVSS fire codes shall be supplied 	15.	
16.	<u>Interior Lights</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overhead entrance and step-well lights shall be provided to ensure illumination of step-well. These lights must be mounted inside the vehicle and shall illuminate automatically when door is opened - With the exception of the co-pilot, each passenger seat will have a reading light installed above the seat. The reading light will be "Air Line" style 	16.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The driver will have a master switch that can turn on/off lights as needed - All lights must meet FMVSS 		
17.	<u>Insulation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walls, ceiling, doors and firewall will be adequately insulated with fire resistant non-hygroscopic material - Insulation will be thoroughly sealed preventing condensation. Air drafts during normal operation are not acceptable - Vehicle shall be insulated to R11 rating 	17.	

4.6. INTERIOR CLIMATE CONTROL

SPECIFICATION		FURNISHED	
1.	<u>In-Dash Heating and Air Conditioning</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-dash air conditioning unit shall be OEM 15,000 BTU/HR-IMACA - System shall operate in conjunction with the heater/defroster system and share the same vent system - The OEM defroster shall be capable of clearing any moisture in any form from the windshield as well as the glass on the 2 front doors - Shall be a four-speed fan type and operate on R134A only 	1.	
2.	<u>Rear Passenger Air Conditioning and Heating</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auxiliary rear air conditioning and heating system shall be installed with a minimum 26,000 BTU/HR-IMACA cooling capacity and a minimum 28,000 BTU/HR-IMACA heating capacity - The air will be ducted from the most convenient location depending on the vehicle floor plan - The unit's drain pan is to be insulated and pressurized to insure condensate removal. The coil is to be constructed of internally enhanced copper tubes, with aluminum fins expanded into coated steel end plates. The unit's expansion valve must be equipped with o-ring fittings to insure leak-free continuous operation. The unit must operate on the non-ozone depleting refrigerate of R-134A (R-22, R-12 or blended Freon is not acceptable) - Refrigerant hoses shall be double braided polyester yard with nylon liner and are qualified to SAE specification J-2064 Type-D or E - Refrigerant fittings shall be Quick Click, double O-ring utilizing one-piece clamping system - All refrigeration lines that enter the passenger compartment shall be encased in a rigid material, fiberglass, aluminum, etc., that harmonizes with interior to prevent injury to passengers in the event of line eruption - All air conditioning hoses and wires that pass within twelve (12) inches of exhaust system shall be shielded in a manner to prevent eat damage 	2.	List type of A/C: ____ Brand ____ Model ____ BTU/hr

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - System shall be integrated with a compatible in-dash driver's seat evaporator unit with essentially comparable standards of design and performance - Driver's in-dash A/C unit shall be separately controlled from the passenger area systems. It shall include off/low/medium/high fan speeds control. In-dash unit shall not interfere with removal or replacement of the engine cover - Passenger area air conditioning system shall be separately controlled from a control station at the driver's position with an off/low/high (minimum) blower switch. All electric relays, fuses and circuit breakers shall be located in one location inside vehicle for reliability and ease of repair. All electric relays, fuses and circuit breakers shall be protected with breakers - When the ignition system is turned off, the rear air conditioning system shall be automatically shut down - The air conditioning system shall be controlled from the driver's area with arm lengths of a sitting driver - The successful bidder shall certify that the air conditioning and heating system is adequate for the vehicle being provided - The successful bidder must certify as part of the bid package in writing that the wiring for the air conditioning circuits is adequate to withstand the transient loads expected 		
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4.7. SAFETY AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

SPECIFICATIONS		FURNISHED	
1.	<u>First Aid Kit</u> - A minimum, ten (10) passenger first aid kit shall be provided - Shall conform to OSHA specifications or its size rating	1.	
2.	<u>Body Fluid Kit</u> - Shall have a body fluid kit that meets OSHA and CDC standards. Kit must include: Metal or plastic mountable box <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Disposable gloves b) Disposable face masks c) Disinfectant cleaner d) Paper towels e) Absorbent liquid spill control powder f) Biohazard bags g) Plastic scoop (optional) 	2.	a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h)
3.	<u>Belt Cutter</u> - Shall have belt cutter, Q'Straint Model Q5-7590 or equal	3.	
4.	<u>Fire Extinguisher</u> - A 2.5 pound rechargeable type ABC rated fire	4.	

	<p>extinguisher with metal head shall be provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be securely mounted in vehicle interior in readily accessible position. There will be two (2) metal mounting brackets that will be used to secure the fire extinguisher; one (1) on the neck and the other on the body. 		
5.	<p><u>Fireproof Blanket</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shall have a fireproof utility blanket and storage case or bag 	5.	
6.	<p><u>Triangle Reflector Kit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shall have a disabled vehicle-warning device 	6.	
7.	<p><u>Vehicle Height Designation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A sign mounted or lettering above driver's area stating the outside height of the vehicle shall be provided - Lettering shall be a minimum of two (2) inches in size 	7.	
8.	<p><u>Emergency Exit Signage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All emergency exit windows, doors and escape hatches shall be marked with instructions for proper use 	8.	
9.	<p><u>ADA Required Signage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicle shall have all decals to meet ADA requirements including priority seating and wheelchair location signage - The vehicle shall have three (3) decals showing that the vehicle is wheelchair accessible. The international wheelchair accessibility symbol is depicted as sign D9-6 in the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" published by the Federal Highway Administration. <p>Decal size and location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Right corner of the hood; 4"x4" b) Driver's front fender below the windshield; 4"x4" c) Center of the wheelchair sliding door; 12"x12" 	9.	<p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>
10.	<p><u>Railroad Crossing Designation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lettering shall be on the exterior rear of bus stating "BUS STOPS AT ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS" - Lettering shall be black in color - Lettering shall be a minimum of two (2) inches in size 	10.	
11.	<p><u>Perimeter Marking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The entire rear perimeter of the bus body shall be outlined with strips of reflective NSBY material. The strips will be at least 1.75 inches in width and white in color. The red/white reflective material will not be accepted. The material must conform to the requirements of FMVSS 571.131. 	11.	

	- The perimeter of the emergency exits shall be outlined with strips of reflective NSBY material. The strips will be at least 1.75 inches in width and white in color. The red/white reflective material will not be accepted. The material must conform to the requirements of FMVSS 217.		
12.	<u>Mud Flaps</u> - Front mud flaps/shields that will not interfere with the running boards - Rear mud flaps mounted on vehicle (not on rear bumper) - Each mud flap should measure a minimum of 10"x16"	12.	
13.	<u>Running Boards</u> - One (1) heavy-duty, nickel steel running board mounted outside of the driver's door of the vehicle - One (1) heavy-duty, nickel steel running board mounted outside of the co-pilot's door of the vehicle	13.	
14.	<u>Keys</u> - There shall be two (2) sets of keys for the vehicle and accessories	14.	

4.8. WHEELCHAIR LIFT AND RESTRAINT DEVICES

SPECIFICATIONS

FURNISHED

1.	<u>Lift Type</u> - The standard vehicle shall be equipped with a Braun Millennium NL-2 Series lift or approved equivalent - The lift platform shall allow for mobility aid users and inboard and outboard facing wheelchairs - Lift must be compliant with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 403	1.	List type of lift: _____ Brand _____ Model
2.	<u>Lift Location</u> - Lift to be mounted on the rear, above the bumper of the vehicle (no exceptions will be accepted)	2.	
3.	<u>Capacity and Static Load</u> - Shall have minimum of 800 pound rating lift capacity - Shall have been tested to a minimum static load of 2,400 pounds	3.	
4.	<u>Operational Features</u> - The platform shall be fully automatic when folding - Platform must have the capability to be manually released without wrenches in case of failure of the automatic store assembly - The lift shall be capable of operating in a temperature range of -30 and +110 F - Lift controls shall provide appropriate mechanisms to ensure that the vehicle cannot be moved when	4.	

	<p>the lift is not stowed and so the lift cannot be deployed unless the interlock is engaged. The lift to be powered once the following parameters have been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lift power switch to be engaged (lift switch will be dash mounted and will conform in appearance with other vehicle switches) b) ADA doors must be in the open position c) Parking brake must be set (engaged) d) Lift power to be engaged e) Vehicle must have the shift selector in the park ("P") position 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) b) c) d) e)
5.	<p><u>Power / Hydraulic System</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The power supply shall be a 12 volt electro-hydraulic system operating two single-acting cylinders - The hydraulic power pack system shall be of modular design allowing for easy removal and field replacement - The power operation of the hydraulic cylinders shall be of a pull-type design for improved synchronous arm movement - The hydraulic system shall be regulated by two separate relief valves, one (1) of which is designed to prevent accidental stowing when occupied 	5.	
6.	<p><u>Platform Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The platform shall have a minimum usable wheelchair passageway width of 33 inches and a minimum usable length of 51 inches requiring a 57 inch vertical clear door opening - The wheelchair lift must be of heavy-duty frame design concealing all elements of power drive - The platform shall be of steel construction and the surface shall be of see-through grating allowing for improved visibility and safer use in inclement weather - All sliding surfaces and load bearing surfaces must be constructed with sealed roller or sleeve bearing with adequate protection to prevent exposed greasy surfaces - The sides of the platform shall be a minimum of 2.5 inches high - The platform entrance ramp shall be constructed from extruded aluminum, have a rubber leading edge and have raised ribs for traction - The base plate shall be a corrugated to provide rigidity and minimize lift deflection when placed under load - The pivot pins in the trunnion (knuckle) of the pivot arms shall be of stationary design - The outer barrier shall be hydraulically activated and must be in the vertical (deployed) position prior to platform movement. - The outer barrier shall be interlocking complying with FMVSS 403 requirements 	6.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The lift shall be chain or cable driven - The lift must have a fail safe system to prevent stowing if solenoid welds - The lift platform shall have a non-slip reinforced floor capable of carrying small or balloon tire wheelchairs - The lift must have a fail-safe release which is capable of releasing the drive mechanism upon striking the ground or an object. - Platform shall be equipped with handrails on both sides in compliance with Federal ADA Regulations. The handrails shall be 1.25 inch diameter minimum, 30 inches in height minimum, 8 inches in length minimum and withstand a 100 pound force in any direction (including vertical) without permanent deformation. - All lift components shall be finished with a bake-on powder coating providing corrosion resistance 		
7.	<u>Hand Control</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The hand control for lift operation shall be of a one-hand operation design made of durable plastic - The hand control will provide the user with illuminated functions - The hand control cable shall be coiled with quick-change connections for ease of maintenance or field change 	7.	
8.	<u>Interlock System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The vehicle will have the Intelligent Lift Interlock system or approved equal - The system shall inform the driver that the interlock system is working properly 	8.	
9.	<u>Back-Up System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A manual back-up system shall be provided to ensure operation of the lift in case of electrical failure - The back-up system shall provide a reliable means of manually raising and lowering the lift while occupied - The back-up system shall fold and unfold the platform - The back-up pump shall be integrated with the hydraulic power pack system such that no hydraulic lines or fittings are required - The drive mechanism must have a positive up stop that can be overridden without causing damage to vehicle or lift. 	9.	
10.	<u>Safety Features</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The platform shall have a "built in" (not auxiliary) lighting that meets FMVSS 404 requirements - The lift manufacturer must have a location that is painted on the platform where standees must stand when using the lift 	10.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The platform shall have a double activated safety guard system to facilitate loading and unloading and prevent roll-off while lift is in use. 		
11.	<u>Installation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The unit shall operate smoothly in both upward and downward directions - The lift shall allow easy removal of the lift and shall be readily accessible for repair and maintenance - The platform shall be level when deployed vertically - When in the stored position the lift should not rattle when vehicle is in operation - Installation shall not require alterations that diminish the structural integrity of the vehicle 	11.	
12.	<u>Wheelchair Restraint Track</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All track must be Sure-Lok "L" Fitting Series or approved equal - All track must be mounted flush with the surface material - Wheelchair track shall run continuously from the curb-side to the street-side of the vehicle (see floor plan) - Shoulder harness / lap belt restraint track shall be a minimum of six (6) inches in length - Shoulder harness / lap belt attachment points shall meet or exceed FMVSS207 seatbelt anchorage specifications - All track must meet all ADA securement requirements 	12.	List type of track: ____ Brand ____ Model
13.	<u>Wheelchair Restraints</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certified restraints shall be provided for one (1) wheelchair occupant. Sets shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) One (1) set of retractable wheelchair restraints shall be Sure-Lok Retractor Model FF627S-4C or approved equal b) One (1) integrated lap belts shall be Sure-Lok model FE200842 or approved equal c) One (1) non-retractable shoulder belt, Sure-Lok FE200732 or approved equal d) One (1) storage container Sure-Lok FE200746 or approved equal - All restraints shall be adjustable to accommodate all wheelchair types - All restraints must meet ADA securement requirements - All restraints shall be of sufficient strength to retain an occupied wheelchair load of 5,000 pounds under crash conditions 	13.	List make and model of restraints: a) b) c) d)
14.	<u>Wheelchair Webbing Loops</u> <p>Two (2) webbing loops Q'Straint Q5-7580 or approved equal shall be provided</p>	14.	

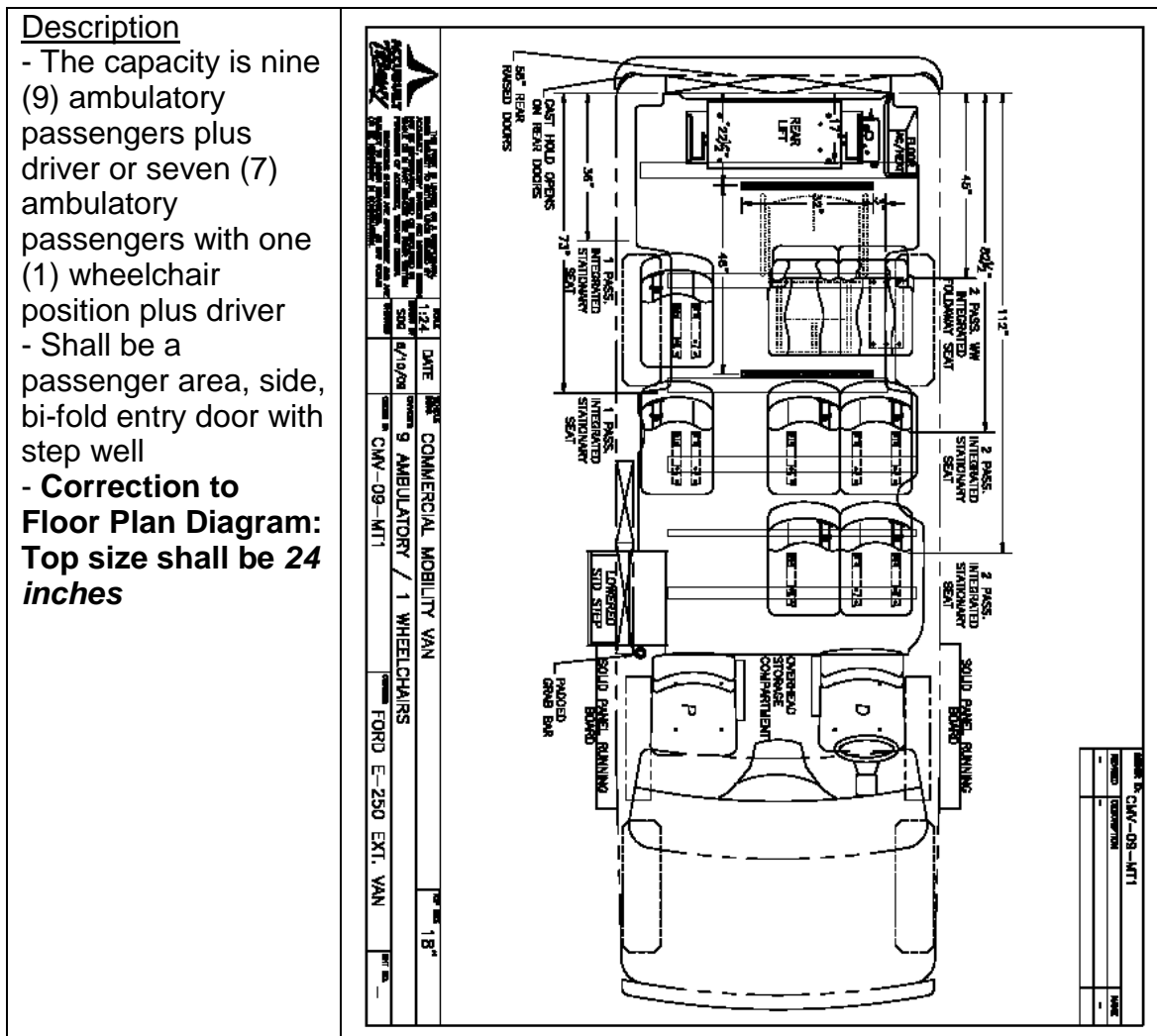
4.9. INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED WITH EACH VEHICLE AT TIME OF DELIVERY (PER EACH VEHICLE)

INFORMATION	FURNISHED
<p>1. <u>Equipment Manuals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All of the following items must be located in a three (3) ring binder: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Wiring diagram for the wheelchair lift, air conditioning and other auxiliary equipment b) Chassis repair and parts manual c) Air conditioning system repair and parts manual d) Wheelchair lift repair and parts manual - The lift manual(s) shall cover warranty, installation, operation, service and maintenance procedures - The lift manual will include a trouble-shooting guide 	<p>1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) b) c) d)
<p>2. <u>Line Seating Sheet</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manufacturers line setting sheet for each vehicle is required at time of delivery 	<p>2.</p>
<p>3. <u>Warranty</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warranty papers for the chassis, wheelchair lift, air conditioning system and all other auxiliary equipment shall be provided - All OEM chassis and component warranties shall apply - Vehicle warranties shall begin at time of delivery - Description of warranty including time and mileage limits for chassis shall be provided - A list of authorized dealerships for warranty work shall be provided - An outline of the procedure involved in the fulfillment of warranty work shall be provided - A letter stating the warranty start date and mileage shall be provided 	<p>3.</p>
<p>4. <u>Titling</u></p> <p>The following information is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Original Bill of Sale b) Official Odometer Reading c) Original Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) d) Original invoice from vendor (yellow form) e) Any other information needed to title the vehicle in Montana 	<p>4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) b) c) d) e)
<p>5. <u>Temporary License Plate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicles shall be delivered with a temporary (minimum 20 days) license plate 	<p>5.</p>
<p>6. <u>Vendor Certifications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If vendor chooses to bid a Ford vehicle, vendor must be FTQP and NWEDA-QAP certified 	<p>6.</p>

4.10. MISC INFO AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (PER EACH VEHICLE)

INFORMATION/SPECIFICATIONS	APPROVED/INFO
<p>1. <u>Inspections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicles shall be thoroughly inspected during construction and/or upon completion to ensure that all equipment is installed and operating properly. - Inspection time may exceed two (2) hours per vehicle - Unit requested to be new and standard equipment unless otherwise specified. To be dealer prepared and ready to be placed into service when delivered. - There shall be no sharp corners that will cause injury to passengers - All material installed shall be new and free of rust - No wires shall be visible on the exterior or interior of the unit. - All units shall be thoroughly cleaned and weather sealed before inspection and delivery - All signs, painted or vinyl, will be properly placed - All holes, not used by manufacturer to install OEM equipment, will be covered with a cover or plug matching adjacent colors 	<p>1.</p>
<p>2. <u>Exceptions/Equivalent Equipment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of any exceptions or equivalent equipment to the specification you wish the purchaser to consider. - Any and all exceptions/equivalent equipment to the specifications <u>MUST</u> be listed. - If no exceptions/equivalent equipment are listed, the equipment bid will be considered to meet or exceed the specifications. 	<p>2.</p>
<p>3. <u>Delivery Extensions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notification must be provided as soon as possible - Will require written proof of delay for extension review 	<p>3.</p>
<p>4. <u>Other Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If more space is needed, attach additional sheets 	<p>4.</p>

4.11. FLOOR PLAN DIAGRAM



5.0. ANTICIPATED DATE OF DELIVERY AGREEMENT

In the event that delivery of vehicles is not made by 140 working days, the Department shall assess liquidated damages of \$100.00 per working day per vehicle.

In cases where the deliver of vehicles is delayed because of strikes, injunctions, governmental control, natural disasters, or by reason of any cause or circumstances beyond the control of the successful bidder, the time of deliver shall be extended by the number of days of delay resulting from such cause. The successful bidder must document delays. EXTENSIONS MUST BE REQUESTED AND GRANTED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE DELAY. In no event shall exceptions be granted after the delivery date.

Delivery notice must be given to the purchaser, five (5) working days prior to delivery.

6.0. QUOTE SECTION

Provide and deliver F.O.B. various locations, Two (2) Current Year, 2009 or 2010 model, high-top vans as specified above.

All prices shall be F.O.B., destination and shipping prepaid.

****NOTE: Bidders must submit one (1) original Invitation for Bid and one (1) copy to the Purchasing Services Section.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the minivan that you are bidding.

BODY TYPE: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Metal body or Fiberglass body _____

Ceiling Height _____ inches

FLOOR: Para-Transit Floor or Standard floor w/wheel housing _____

CHASSIS: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

GVW: _____ pounds Wheelbase _____ inches

Vehicle Length _____ feet

SEATING DESIGN LAYOUT: Ambulatory seats _____ Wheelchair tie downs _____

LIFT/RAMP: Make _____ Model _____

Max Capacity _____ pounds

ADDITIONAL BID INFORMATION

List exceptions, warranty information, and any other required information.

EXCEPTIONS TO MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS: List of any exceptions to the specification you wish the Purchaser to consider. Any and all exceptions to the specifications **MUST** be listed. If no exceptions are listed, the equipment bid will be considered to meet or exceed the specifications. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

WARRANTY INFORMATION: Description of warranty including time and mileage limits for body and chassis, and a list of authorized dealerships in the local area that will have responsibility for warranty work. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

OTHER INFORMATION: If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

ANTICIPATED DATE OF DELIVERY (cannot exceed 120 working days ARO): _____

PRICE INFORMATION

**FOB: MINERAL COUNTY PIONEER COUNCIL
405 MAIN
ST REGIS MT 59866**

Cost for One (1) Current Year 10-Passenger High-Top Van: \$ _____

**FOB: LAUREL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
115 WEST FIRST
LAUREL MT 59044**

Cost for One (1) Current Year 10-Passenger High-Top Van: \$ _____

7.0. AWARD PROCESS

Award will be on an all-or-none basis.

The Department also reserves the right to cancel the project referenced herein if cancellation is deemed to be in the Department's best interest.

- A) Failure on the part of the vendor to display Invitation for Bid #HWY-309342-RP on the outside of the envelope containing a sealed bid will result in bid disqualification.
- A) Manufacturer's literature, sufficient in detail to address all specification requirements of the item being bid, must accompany your bid response. Failure to enclose literature as required; or, failure on the part of the vendor to enclose literature of sufficient detail to address all specification requirements of the item being bid, will result in bid disqualification.
- B) Failure to provide a schematic showing interior dimensions and seating arrangements will result in bid disqualification.

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- * Check our website for the latest addendum to the IFB
- * Sign and return each addendum as required
- * Properly identify return envelope
- * Sign your bid on the front page
- * Initial any bid changes you made
- * Include literature as required
- * Review and complete all requirements as listed herein to ensure compliance
- * Sign required certification form

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person participating in any service, program or activity of the Department. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request. For further information call Richele Parkhurst at (406) 657-0274 Voice or 1-800-335-7592 TTY or TTY (406) 444-7696.